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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Andreas HOFFER, et al.  
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For : ROTARY SLIDE VALVE FOR SERVO-ASSISTED  
STEERING SYSTEMS  
Group Art Unit : (Not yet known)  
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Customer No. : 000028107

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows: